GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Rural Godown Scheme
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Rural Godown Scheme (RGS) to promote creation of storage capacity across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total volume of storage capacity created increased under the scheme during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has a proposal to increase rural storage capacity with scientific approach so as to encourage post harvest storage in rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the funds allocated and sanctioned by the Government to various States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Grameen Bhandaran Yojana (GBY) Scheme also known as Rural Godown Scheme (RGS) started on 01.04.2001, got subsumed on 01.04.2014 into the sub scheme "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) of "Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing" (ISAM) as capital investment subsidy scheme. Under the scheme, @ 25% of the capital cost for general category beneficiary and @ 33.33% for special category beneficiary is provided for construction/creation of scientific godowns, their renovation and other infrastructure in the field of Agricultural Marketing in the country. However, the assistance for renovation is restricted to storage infrastructure projects of cooperatives only. The main objectives of the AMI schemes are to develop agricultural marketing infrastructure including storage infrastructure for effectively managing marketable surplus of agriculture including horticulture and allied sectors.

Currently, AMI scheme is temporarily stopped w.e.f. 05.08.2014 for general category promoters due to paucity of funds. However, the scheme is open for SC/ST promoters and for promoters in North-Eastern Region.
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State wise storage capacity created under the scheme during the last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The AMI sub scheme of ISAM has scope to encourage storage capacity with scientific approach in rural areas. Hence, no new proposal to increase rural storage capacity with scientific approach is mooted.

(e): There is no State-wise allocation of funds under the scheme. The releases of funds are made to the States on the basis of sanction of projects under the scheme in the particular State and availability of funds.

The details of the funds earmarked, allocated by the Government and utilized under the scheme during the last three years, is as below:

(Rs. In crore)

Year	Name of the Scheme	Allocation of funds	Utilization / Release of Funds
2013-14	GBY	344.16	344.10
2014-15	AMI	926.71	878.18
2015-16	AMI	675.86	518.81
2016-17 (upto 25.11.16)	AMI	682.80	517.61